



2018

Agricultural Literacy Project

The annual Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Literacy Project improves both the literacy of Oregon's young readers and their knowledge of agriculture. Who better to help with this project than members of Oregon's agricultural community? Last year, over 740 amazing volunteers read to 22,295 students in 856 classes across the state.

**TRAINED
VOLUNTEERS**

Read and Facilitate Activity

**MEETS
STANDARDS**

All Materials Meet Standards

FREE

All Books & Materials Provided

HOW IT WORKS

Trained volunteers visit local schools and read the Literacy Project's featured book to students in grades K-4. Volunteers then do a fun, hands-on lesson with students to reinforce the book's message and share their personal connection to agriculture. Start to finish, it takes about 45 minutes of class time.

2018 BOOK
APPLES TO OREGON

SIGN-UP AT
OREGONAITC.ORG

MARCH 5 - JUNE 15

ELEVEN YEARS OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE



Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation

This is the eleventh year Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom has held its statewide spring Literacy Project. The first year 130 volunteers read to 7,316 students in 312 classes. It was a great start for a new project. Each year, Oregon AITC works hard to select books and activities that will resonate with teachers and students, and the momentum has grown. In fact, last spring over 740 volunteers read to 22,295 students in 856 classes!

In order to extend the life of this project, each of the past Literacy Project books and activities (with supplies for a classroom) can be checked out through AITC's Free Loan Library. There are currently 10 literacy kits available for grades K-4. Next school year, you will be able to find Apples to Oregon and the accompanying activity on our website!

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

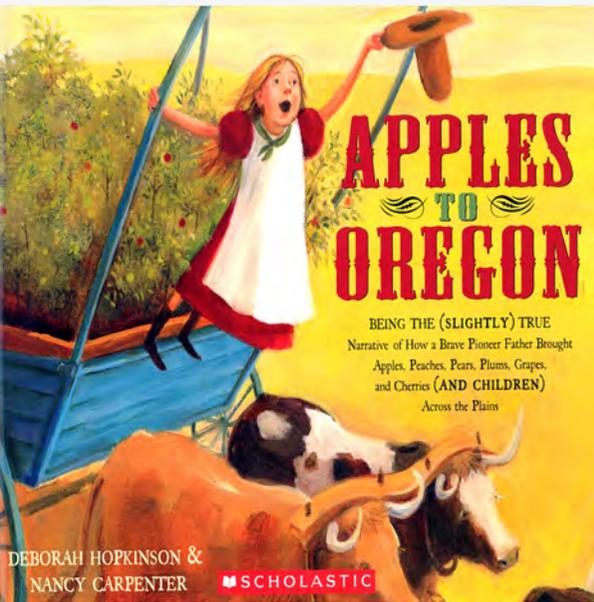
Volunteer training is held in the spring at the the Oregon Women for Agriculture Convention and the Oregon FFA Convention. Groups can schedule trainings for their members, plus step-by-step instructions and videos are available online at:

<https://oregonaitc.org/programs/literacy-project/>

UPCOMING TRAININGS

Oregon Women for Agriculture Convention
February 16, 2018
Astoria, Oregon

Oregon FFA Convention
March 25, 2018
Redmond, Oregon



A STORY OF COURAGE

Apples to Oregon by Deborah Hopkinson gives a fun-filled glimpse into the real story of how Oregon's first orchards began and the courageous efforts by America's early farmers. The delightful illustrations capture the imaginations of young and old readers alike.

The 2018 Literacy Project is generously supported by:



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ABOUT OREGON AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

Agriculture is all around us. It is the source of our food, our clothing, our shelter, and so much more. As our planet's population continues to grow, it is vital to educate students about agriculture, the environment, natural resources and the roles they will play in the future.

Our mission is to educate Oregon's K-12 students about agriculture, the environment, and natural resources. Agriculture can easily be woven into science, math, social studies, geography, literature, and art lessons. Oregon AITC encourages and supports educators throughout the state by providing curriculum and materials, as well as training free of charge.

Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom offers teachers and students interactive ways to engage in core subject areas, such as science, math, social studies, language arts, and nutrition. Last year, Oregon AITC reached over 190,000 students, grades K-12, from all 36 counties.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Free Loan Library: Teachers can check out books, DVD's, kits and instructional units and materials on topics such as plants, animals, conservation, food, and nutrition.

Web Resources: AITC's website offers hundreds of resources, lessons, maps, and tools for classrooms free of charge.

Growing Minds: AITC's teacher focused resource guide features educational events and materials for grades K-12.

Teacher Trainings: Teachers learn how to use materials with agricultural themes to enrich core subjects.